

Testimony Concerning SB No. 445

I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of SB No. 445, An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations of the Task Force on the Sale of Cats and Dogs from Inhumane Origins at Connecticut Pet Shops.

I am a registered voter in Coventry, Connecticut, and I am a member of South Windsor Kennel Club, Inc. and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs & Responsible Dog Owners, Inc.

As a responsible dog owner of two purebred dogs that were locally bred, I am in full support of raised SB No. 445 as proposed and written by the Environment Committee. I care deeply about my dogs and all animals that are bred in the State of Connecticut as well as those bred elsewhere and imported into Connecticut. It is important to me as a responsible dog owner that the highest of standards are practiced by small and large breeders to ensure the health and welfare of all dogs. SB No. 445 insures that these standards are applied to all in a reasonable manner.

SB No. 445 also extends the required consumer protection policies necessary to guarantee transparency and confidence in the process by the buying public. SB No. 445 is good law that strengthens the process, protects the consumer public and promotes the highest of standards for the health and welfare of all dogs.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to express my opinion on this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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